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KWANZAA COMMITTEE

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THANK YOU

All Speakers & Performers

Owen Brown Interfaith Center

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KWANZAA



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021 | 6 P.M.

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SEVEN KWANZAA PRINCIPLES

Umoja (Unity): To strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation, and race.

Kujichagulia (Self-Determination): To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility): To build and maintain our community together and make our community's problems our problems and to solve them together.

Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics): To build and maintain our own stores, shops and other businesses and to profit from them together.

Nia (Purpose): To make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness.

Kuumba (Creativity): To do always as much as we can to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it.

Imani (Faith): To believe with all our hearts in our people and the righteousness and victory of our struggle.

SEVEN KWANZAA SYMBOLS



Mazao The Crops

Mkeka The Mat

Kinara The Candle Holder

Kikombe cha Umoja The Unity Cup

Mishumaa Saba The Seven Candles

Zawadi The Gifts

PROGRAM

African Drumming

Welcome *Yolanda F. Sonnier*

Administrator, Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

Recognition of the Elders & Pouring of the Libation

Willie Flowers President, NAACP Maryland State Conference with
K. Earl Owens Education Chair, Howard County Council of Elders

Black National Anthem *Paul Thompson*

Administrative Assistant, Howard County Department of Finance

Opening Remarks *County Executive Calvin Ball*

Howard County Government

Presentation of the Kwanzaa Symbols *Dr. Denise Boston*

Equity & Restorative Practices Manager,
Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

Celebration of Kwanzaa Principles

Umoja/Unity *Claudia M. Allen*

Outreach Coordinator, Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

Kujichagulia/Self-Determination *Zhion Perkins & Allen Dixon*

Ujima/Collective Work & Responsibility *Kurt Wall*

Sgt. Deputy Sheriff, Howard County Office of the Sheriff

Ujamaa/Collective Economics *Marla Moore*

Outreach Coordinator, Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

Nia/Purpose *Janssen Evelyn, Esq.*

Kuumba/Creativity *Denée Barr*

Denée Barr Multimedia, Inc.

Closing Remarks *Yolanda F. Sonnier*

Administrator, Howard County Office of Human Rights & Equity

Imani/Faith *Celebration Church Liturgical Dance Ministry*
Celebration Church

